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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 5, 2001

APPLICATION OF

RHYTHMS LINKS INC. - VIRGINIA

CASE NO. PUC010177

For authority to discontinue
local exchange and interexchange
telecommunications services

FINAL ORDER

On August 21, 2001, Rhythms Links Inc. - Virginia ("Rhythms") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for termination of its local exchange and interexchange certificates. However, on August 27, 2001, Rhythms filed a combined Motion to Dismiss Application for Termination of Local Exchange and Interexchange Certificates and Application for Authority to Discontinue Local Exchange and Interexchange Service.

The Commission finds that Rhythms' Motion to Dismiss its Application filed August 21, 2001, should be granted.¹

Rhythms' Application for Authority to Discontinue Local Exchange and Interexchange Service ("Application of August 27,

¹While the Application for Termination of Rhythms' local exchange and interexchange certificates filed August 21, 2001, (Certificate Nos. T-412a and TT-52B, respectively) has been dismissed, the Commission notes that these certificates are not otherwise transferable.

2001") states that Rhythms is a provider of digital subscriber line ("DSL") broadband services in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Division of Communications is informed by Rhythms' attorney that Rhythms provides only interstate DSL services in Virginia and does not provide voice services to customers in Virginia.² Rhythms attaches to its Application of August 27, 2001, a copy of notice sent to its customers in Virginia, dated August 9, 2001, which includes: the termination of service date of September 10, 2001; letter of authorization to the customer's incumbent local exchange carrier to transfer the customer's unbundled network loop(s) (identified) to an alternative service provider of the customer's choosing; circuit identification data including collocation wiring location data, known as connecting facility assignment or "CFA"; a referral, if available, to all carriers that will accept the customer's request to migrate service; and information on where the customer may seek assistance or lodge a complaint with the FCC.

The Commission concludes that Rhythms has given adequate notice to its interstate customers in Virginia of its intended September 10, 2001, termination of DSL services and sufficient information to assist its customers to obtain an alternative service provider.

²Rhythms does not provide service to any customers in Virginia pursuant to its intrastate tariffs.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Rhythms' Motion to Dismiss is hereby granted.

(2) Rhythms is hereby granted authority to cease operations in Virginia and to discontinue the offering of local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services on September 10, 2001.

(3) Rhythms' tariffs on file with the Division of Communications shall be cancelled on September 10, 2001.

(4) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case is hereby closed.